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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 597
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Harris Jones on being a finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Trophy.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is a rigorous testing ground for some of the most talented high school football players in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Harris Jones, a Milan High School senior, who was a finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Trophy, is a true gridiron great and one of the best high school football players in the glorious history of the sport in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious Heisman recognition is based on scholarship, athleticism and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Harris Jones' Heisman adventure started in September when Milan High School Principal Ronnie Parks and guidance counselor Carol Parkins nominated him for the award, his was one of more than 10,000 nominations that were submitted by the nation's high schools; and

WHEREAS, "Harris is very dependable and conscientious," Mr. Parks said, adding "He's the kind of person you would like to have around your kids"; and

WHEREAS, a thorough resume listing his numerous accomplishments was mailed to the Heisman Committee along with an essay Mr. Jones wrote about a person who inspired him; he chose legendary Green Bay Packers' coach Vince Lombardi as the subject of his essay; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is an exemplary student, who has compiled an exceptional 3.96 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, he is also a Presidential Scholar, who serves admirably as president of his senior class; and

WHEREAS, his outstanding record as a community volunteer, which includes more than 250 hours of public service, follows the finest traditions of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, his athletic accomplishments are also very impressive; and

WHEREAS, he led area Class AA quarterbacks this last season with 1,090 yards passing and seven passing touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris completed 60 of 124 passes, with only three interceptions; and

WHEREAS, he was heavily recruited for his football prowess by Vanderbilt University, Ole Miss, the University of Memphis and several other top schools; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented athlete, Mr. Harris hit over .400 for the Milan High School baseball team, playing outfield, first base, and pitcher; and

WHEREAS, his justifiably proud parents are his mother and stepfather, Rebecca and Robin Rhodes and his father and stepmother, Johnny and Doreen Jones; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to specially recognize Harris Jones, a brilliant student-athlete, who has made important contributions to his school and to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Harris Jones and wish him well in what we are confident will be a very successful future. We also commend him for his exemplary community service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.